

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on February 15, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Carmine Mowbray (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

##### **Members Absent:**

None

##### **Staff Present:**

Kirk Lundby, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 171, 2/11/2011; HB 187, HB 210, 2/11/2011  
Executive Active: SB 211 (Partial Executive Action)  
SB 251 Do Pass As Amended  
SB 258 Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON HB 187**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:12 Rep. Pat Connell (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 187, Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:26 Gordon Morris, representing Lewis and Clark County and the Montana Association of County Road Supervisors (MACRS)

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00:09:06 Patrick Heffernan, representing the Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

00:09:46 Jason Todhunter, representing the Montana Logging Association (MLA)

00:10:23 Bob Gilbert, representing Dawson, Rosebud, and Musselshell Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:11:02 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department Of Transportation (MDT)

00:12:10 Sen. Zinke entered the committee room

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:53 Sen. Arthun

00:13:07 Rep. Connell, HD 87

00:14:28 Sen. Arthun

00:14:38 Rep. Connell

00:14:57 Sen. Keane

00:15:13 Rep. Connell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:42 Rep. Connell

**HEARING ON HB 171**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 171, Allow standard license plates for motorcycle and smaller trailers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:19:43 Ronda Wiggers, representing the Montana County Treasurers' Association  
(MCTA) and the Montana Snowmobile Association, Inc  
00:21:13 Bob Gilbert, representing Walleye's Unlimited

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:35 Rep. Ingraham

**HEARING ON HB 210**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:42 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 210, Revise laws  
relating to mobile home movers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:25:27 Ira Gresens, representing W&W Trucking  
00:25:28 Sen. Wanzenried entered the committee room  
00:27:02 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV Association  
00:27:30 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department Of Transportation (MDT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:14 Sen. Zinke  
00:29:37 Jim Lynch, (MDT)  
00:30:31 Sen. Keane  
00:30:49 Barry Stang, representing the Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:50 Rep. McChesney  
00:32:47 recess  
00:34:42 reconvene  
(Sen. Tutvedt was absent)

**Discussion:**

00:35:07 Sen. Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 258**

00:38:11 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 DO PASS.**

00:38:34 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(his37a02)

**Discussion:**

00:39:28 Sen. Zinke  
00:39:39 Sen. Buttrey  
00:40:17 Sen. Blewett  
00:40:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.  
00:40:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 258 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 251**

00:42:01 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 DO PASS.**  
00:42:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried  
unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.  
**EXHIBIT**(his37a03)

00:43:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 251 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 211**

00:44:36 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 BE REMOVED FROM TABLED.**

**Discussion:**

00:45:32 Sen. Wanzenried

00:45:38 Sen. Buttrey

00:46:05 Sen. Keane

00:46:14 Chairman Jones

00:46:49 Sen. Buttrey

00:47:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Wanzenried voting no.

00:47:41 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
(previously amended on 2/1/2011)

**Discussion:**

00:48:04 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:48:44 Sen. Buttrey

00:49:36 Rachel Weiss, (LSD)

00:49:43 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(his37a04)

**Discussion:**

00:50:03 Sen. Keane

00:50:28 Sen. Buttrey

00:50:37 Sen. Keane

00:51:09 Sen. Zinke

00:52:31 Chairman Jones

00:53:00 Sen. Zinke

00:53:41 Sen. Mowbray

00:54:03 Chairman Jones

00:54:24 Sen. Zinke

00:55:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Keane, Sen. Vuckovich and Sen. Wanzenried voting no. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

00:56:14 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 211 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:56:31 Sen. Keane

00:56:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Arthun, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Jones, Sen. Mowbray, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voting aye. Sen. Caferro, Sen. Sonju and Sen. Tutvedt voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

00:58:29      Sen. Zinke  
00:58:40      Chairman Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
00:59:33

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Kirk Lundby, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his37aad.pdf](#))